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POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL-DERIVATIZED BIOMOLECULES AND THEIR

USE IN HETEROGENEOUS DETECTION METHODS

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PATENT OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

For:

Further to Applicant's November 28, 2001 Amendment and in response to the February 19, 2002 Patent Office Paper, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

- (Twice Amended) Method for the detection of an analyte in a sample, 14. comprising the steps:
- (a) preparing a solid phase on which a conjugate of a poly(C₂-C₃)-alkylene oxide and an analyte-specific reactant that interacts with the analyte has been applied such that the conjugate is immobilized,